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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Gentlemen, Since my wife and I use the phone almost exclusively for emergencies and security, and pay about \$9 per month for the service (per phone), the addition of a \$1 fee (tax) would amount to more than a 10% increase. Needless to say, do to this additional cost, we would have to reconsider having these phones, especially when we plan to retire next year.

Sincerely,  
Bart Rhoades

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bartlett M. Rhoades  
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members